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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ANC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETS

REF: (A) LUSAKA 1677 (NOTAL); (B) LUSAKA 1672 (NOTAL)

1. DESPITE WARNING BY ACTING ANC PRESIDENT ELLIOTT GABELLAH THAT MEETING WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, SUPPORTERS OF FORMER ZAPU LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO MANAGED TO GATHER 37 MEMBERS OF ANC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TO FORM QUORUM FOR MEETING HELD NEAR SALISBURY SEPT. 7. IN ADDITION TO GABELLAH, SECRETARY GENERAL GORDON CHAVUNDUKA AND OTHER SENIOR ANC OFFICIALS REFUSED TO ATTEND MEETING.

2. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, IN STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER MEETING ZAPU SUPPORTERS ATTACKED PRESIDENT ABEL MUZOREWA FOR NOT RETURNING TO RHODESIA TO REPORT TO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ON EVENTS SUCH AS VICTORIA FALLS TALKS.

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STATEMENT APPARENTLY WAS CAREFULLY WORDED, HOWEVER, AND

DID NOT OPENLY OPPOSE FORMER ZANU FACTION. STATEMENT
ENDORSED NEGOTIATING STAND OF ANC TEAM AT TALKS AND
ADDED," IT IS OUR STRONG VIEW THAT MR. SMITH IS NOT
SERIOUS ABOUT A SETTLEMENT."

3. STATEMENT ALSO INDICATED ZAPU SUPPORTERS
WOULD ATTEND SEPT. 21 MEETING CALLED BY GABELLAH,
BUT DEMANDED NATIONAL CONGRESS OF ANC BE HELD SEPT. 27.
MEETING APPARENTLY WILL ATTEMPT TO SOLVE GROWING CON-
TROVERSY OVER ESTABLISHMENT OF LATEST ANC EXTERNAL WING,
ZIMBABWE LIBERATION COUNCIL (ZLC) UNDER LEADERSHIP OF
NDABANINGI SITHOLE (REFTELS),

4. COMMENT: ZAPU-FACTION ABILITY TO MUSTER QUORUM OF
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE PORTENDS DIFFICULTIES FOR MUZOREWA'S
ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN LEADERSHIP OF ANC AS WELL AS FOR THE
CONTINUING STRUGGLE FOR SEMBLANCE OF SOLIDARITY IN ORGANI-
ZATION ITSELF.
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